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## **TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER HOLDS DECEMBER GRADUATION**

STUDENTS OVERCOME DIFFICULT BARRIERS TO ACHIEVE MORE INDEPENDENT LIVES

- WHAT:** More than 80 significantly disabled Tennesseans are set to graduate from the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (TRC) this month. While at TRC, the students were trained in various fields to help them attain a better quality of life. Business Education, Food Service and Groundskeeping are just a few of the areas of study offered at TRC.
- WHEN:** Friday, December 19  
10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Tennessee Rehabilitation Center  
460 Ninth Avenue  
Smyrna, Tenn. (near the National Guard barracks)
- MORE:** The Tennessee Rehabilitation Center is a state-operated comprehensive rehabilitation facility. It is one of only nine such centers in the nation. Services are provided on campus, and the majority of clients live on site while receiving services. The length of programs offered at TRC vary, depending upon the individual client's interest, abilities and needs. More than 1,000 individuals with disabilities are served at TRC each year. Since the center opened in 1977, TRC has served over 25,000 disabled individuals. TRC is part of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

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